

Dear Mr(s) President, dear friends,

From the side of IBF and all kind of other sources you have seen (too) much information about the situation in/of IBF.

From our side, EBF presidium, hardly any info.

That does not mean that we have been sleeping; on the contrary.

Your President and Vice President as well as the (2<sup>nd</sup>) Vice President of IBF have been trying to find out what the real situation of IBF was after the President Sheikh Talal had left his position. He left his position after a letter about possible money laundering had been sent by one of EBF's presidents. What de status of this is? We have no clue!

The whole problem started when Sheikh Talal (at that moment still the President of IBF) decided, without consulting his IBF Board, to close the bank accounts in Switzerland as well as the office in Lausanne per 1 April 2022. The accounts would be moved to Kuwait.

When we tried to find out what the situation was, Sheikh Talal did not answer any email.

The CEO did not know the reason and he mentioned that he has not been paid the last 6 months.

We asked for financial statements of IBF since 2018: no reply. Until today we have no info about the financial situation of IBF.

We were told by CEO that we had contracts signed with companies worth a lot of money.

When we asked to show us the contracts: no reply.

Who signed the contracts? The answer was: "Ask Sheikh..."

We also find out that the in 2019 elected Board of IBF was still not registered in Switzerland.

Registered were the persons who had been elected in 2015....

In the meantime, that has been corrected. The elected Board from 2019 is registered in Lausanne, but we do not have an office anymore in Lausanne: it was too expensive to have the office. IBF is trying to find another office at a much lesser price.

The lawyer, who had been hired by IBF has resigned recently. He claims he has not been paid.

We also found out that the Bowling centre in Dubai, where the championships in May 2022 were held, is not paid. Sheikh refused to pay we were told... We do not know how many invoices we still must pay. We do not know how much money we still have. We do not know what the financial situation of IBF is.

We have been asking several times, but never any answer. We have been asking many times to have an IBF Board meeting, but that was always blocked, because we could not reach a quorum; you need at least 3 zones to be present. Only America and Europe were able to meet.....other zones had excuses like, “to get visa we need at least three months or we do not have money to travel...” or did not answer at all.

We, your representatives in the IBF Board got more and more disappointed. It got even worse, when we received a letter in which a vote of “no confidence” was claimed. We were and are still of the opinion that this is unfair towards your representatives.

In the meantime, USBC has taken the initiative to invite several people to Arlington, USA to discuss the problems we have. I do not know how many are invited and who; I only know that USBC is paying all costs, including flight and hotel. In principle EBF will be represented by me, your President and Valgeir, your Vice President.

Most probably the meeting will be held from 8 – 11 November 2022.

We will report about this meeting as soon as possible after the meeting.

With kind regards,



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President of EBF